



## CITY OF LODI

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Public Hearing Regarding Unmet Transit Needs Within the City of Lodi

MEETING DATE: December 18, 1991

PREPARED BY: Assistant City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None required.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: San Joaquin County Council of Governments regulations require the City Council to hold a public hearing to obtain citizen's comments on transit needs within the City of Lodi.

In order to accommodate the elderly and handicapped, we will conduct one hearing on the morning of December 18, 1991 at the Senior Center at Hutchins Street Square in addition to this hearing. I will make a verbal report of the comments received at that hearing.

At last year's hearing, there was much comment about the need for a fixed route system and the need for a citizens' transportation committee. To that end, then Mayor Hinchman appointed an ad hoc transportation committee which has met a number of times to discuss transportation issues in the City of Lodi. A final report from that committee will be submitted after the first of the calendar year.

In the 1991-92 transit claim, funds were made available to hire a research consultant to evaluate the transit needs in the City of Lodi and to make recommendations on how best to meet those needs. The lead agency in that study will be the San Joaquin County Council of Governments. That body will award the contract during the month of December and work will begin during the month of January. We will have the results of that study to assist us in preparing our transit claim for 1992-93 fiscal year.

FUNDING: None required at this time

Jerry L. Glenn  
Assistant City Manager

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

THOMAS A. PETERSON



DECLARATION GF MAILING

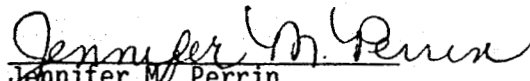
On December 5, 1991 in the City of Lodi, San Joaquin County, California, I deposited in the United States mail, envelopes with first-class postage prepaid thereon, containing a copy of the Notice attached hereto, marked Exhibit "A"; said envelopes were addressed as is more particularly shown on Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

There is a regular daily communication by mail between the City of Lodi, California, and the places to which said envelopes were addressed.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on December 5, 1991, at Lodi, California.

Alice M. Reimche  
City Clerk

  
Jennifer M. Perrin  
Deputy City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
REGARDING UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS  
WITHIN THE CITY OF LODI

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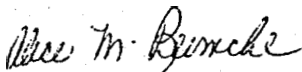
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this Public Hearing will be continued to December 18, 1991 at the hour of 7:30 p.m. in conjunction with the regular meeting of the City Council at the Carnegie Forum, 305 West Pine Street, Lodi.

Information regarding this matter may be obtained in the offices of the City Clerk. All interested persons are invited to present their views. Written statements may be filed with the City Clerk at any time prior to the hearing scheduled herein and oral statements may be made at said hearing.

If you challenge the subject matter in court you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Dated: December 4, 1991

By Order of the Lodi City Council

  
Alice M. Reimche  
City Clerk

Note: Please run regular columnar bordered ad

UNMET PUBLIC TRANSIT HEARING  
MAILING LIST  
EXHIBIT B

Hutchins Street Square  
Senior Referral Center  
125 South Hutchins Street  
Lodi, CA 95240

San Joaquin County Council of  
Governments  
1860 East Hazelton  
Stockton, CA 95202

Lodi Service Center  
860 East Pine Street  
Lodi, CA 95240

Loel Center  
105 South Washington Street  
Lodi, CA 95240

Salvation Army (Center of Hope)  
P.O. Box 1388  
Lodi, CA 95241

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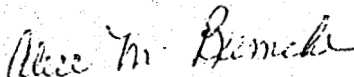
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UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS PUBLIC HEARING

Hutchins Street Square

December 18, 1391

Assistant City Manager Jerry Glenn opened the hearing at approximately 10:05 a.m. Eleven members of the public were in attendance,

The following points or statements were made:

- ° Ad Hoc Transportation Committee;
  - . change hour so that attendance would be more regular
  - . representative from Kettleman Lane should be on Committee
- ° Environmental concerns should be addressed in determining methods of meeting transportation needs;
- ° Need to eliminate single-driver trips;
- ° Need to monitor and utilize available Federal and State funds;
- ° Need to work with School District to maximize transportation sources;
- ° Reduce wait times - one hour is too long; and
- ° Lodi to Stockton transportation is not available - tie in with SMART.

The meeting was closed at 10:35 a.m.



# LODI SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION

Trella Areida  
Dolores Dickey  
Lillian Goldsmith  
John Gorman  
Don Ochs  
Violet Stenson  
Eleanor Todd

Charlene Lange  
City of Lodi Liaison

City of Lodi Transportation Hearing December 18, 1991

The Senior Citizens Commission has a continuing interest in the transportation of seniors and the Dial-A-Ride system. They, also, wish to be involved with enabling active seniors, the general public, employees, and students to move about the city and to the cities of San Joaquin County. With this in mind, we have a transportation committee within the Senior Citizens Commission which regularly reports to the group, as does our member on the AD HOC committee.

## AD HOC Committee

We wish to commend the city for appointing this committee so more segments of the city might participate in studying the transportation issue. The chairman, Phil Pennino, and city representative, Jerry Glenn, have been very cooperative in working with the Senior Citizens Commission. However, we believe they are handicapped by the time assigned to the meeting. The attendance at the meeting is irregular and poorly attended. We believe Thursday at 4:30 p.m. is a very bad time to hold a meeting of any kind and maintain good attendance. However, if a member is to be absent, he might ask for someone to sit in on the meeting so that there is **some** continuity. On a committee of twelve, six or eight attend, in fact at one meeting there were **only** three and at the next meeting, six entirely different persons were present.

We suggest that the Committee have a more positive approach to the issues, and there is a follow-up on the proposals made by **SMTD**, Stockton Transit System. Also, that more attention be given to the concerns of the larger employers of the area, namely, Lodi Unified School District, General Mills, City employees, Kettleman Lane shopping areas, and Cherokee merchants.

## Dail-A-Ride

The services have improved and the waiting time has decreased. The managers of this system have been cooperative **in** trying to solve problems. However, with the use of Dial-A-Ride by more of the general public, the system is becoming overloaded. Many active seniors would use a **bus** system **if** it were available. Of course, we understand this would not take place overnight, but with careful planning and a

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good campaign for the service they would soon be happy to use the bus service.

The Adult Day Care Services at Hutchins Street Square has met with Mr. Jerry Glenn and Ray Neal about improving services. A subscription service has been suggested as is used in Roseville. In this plan a car is waiting at the center at a specific time each day unless otherwise notified. Frail seniors are finding it hard to wait the average 25 minutes.

Cities surveyed in the surrounding area all maintain their Dial-A-Ride service as they adopt a fixed-route scheduled system. Its use for the frail senior and handicapped persons is not eliminated.

#### Transportation Survey

Responses to a letter sent out to the transit system in 10 cities and counties were used to come up with the following conclusions:

1. Dial-A-Ride still operated within the city limits and in some areas they connected with county wide transit. Dial-A-Ride was used by frail seniors and handicapped persons.
2. City transit systems tied in with county wide transit through a local fixed-route scheduled bus service.
3. Fares were charged to the general public (19-60 years), seniors (60+), and handicapped, and students (5-18 years). Children below five years when accompanied by parent or an adult rode free. Transfers were usually free throughout the city.
4. Exact cash fares could be received or passes for daily or monthly use were sold.
5. Daily schedules, Monday-Friday, and special schedules for weekends were available.
6. student fares were an important segment of the success of the system.
7. Funds for transportation were obtained through TDA (Transportation Development Act), STF (State Transportation Fund), and LTA (Local Transit Assistance).



Lodi Unified School District

At the School Board meeting September 17, 1991, Mr. Jay Zimmerman, school bus administrator commented. "By the year 2000, many school buses will have to be replaced, in fact, 36 Type-I buses costing \$80,000-\$90,000 each, 34 smaller buses for Special Education and other needs at the cost of \$45,000 each." This totals up to \$4-5 million dollars.

The Senior Citizens Commission has met with Lodi Unified School District Superintendent, Sam Swofford, and indicated he is anxious "to come together, and offset costs." Isn't it time to come together and try to minimize costs and duplication? The same people pay school taxes and city taxes. It's time to approach the problem as a unit and formal discussions should be arranged.

Currently, the District has the following fixed routes in Lodi:

- Lakewood School to Woodbridge
- Lakeshore area to Vinewood (south of Kettlemar)
- Adult School (corner Pine/Cherokee to Woodbridge)

Lodi News Sentinel

We wish to compliment the Sentinel for the excellent investigative reporting they conducted last April to alert the citizens to the issues of transportation. This information could be used as background reference material in studying the issue. For example; April 16, the Sentinel reported "39,000 trips across Eight Mile Road on 1-5 each weekday." On April 22 the Editorial related: "SMTD Board of Directors approved a plan to extend borders of their District to provide Manteca, Lodi and Tracy with buses running every half hour during peak morning and evening commuter times. Look at the plan with an open mind; if the City can't afford a system, perhaps we need to cooperate with a regional plan."

On December 7, the Sentinel reported the Chamber of Commerce meeting with Barton Meays, Executive Director of COG (Council of Governments), who is concerned about Measure K monies: "identify and lobby for Lodi's transportation needs and support COG's request for State Funds."

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In conclusion, the Senior Citizens Commission Transportation Committee proposes:

1. The AD HOC Committee should continue its meetings and reporting to the City Council. They should consider changes in meeting time so regular attendance might be realized.
2. The AD HOC Committee should set up meetings with SMTD and encourage a commitment from the City Council.
3. The Committee should set up a format enabling the City Council and the Lodi Unified School District and find ways and means to cooperate on transportation needs.
4. The Committee should encourage the Chamber of Commerce to follow up COG's request to lobby for Lodi's needs and State funds. There will be a survey conducted by COG on transportation available in Lodi and report their findings at their April meeting when funds will be distributed and programs approved for 1992.
5. The Committee should meet with all area merchants for input.
6. Inquire if General Mills is interested in acknowledging federal program to eliminate single drivers.
7. The City Council should maintain a positive, creative attitude as they work with SMTD and COG.

Lillian Goldsmith  
Eleanor Todd  
Don Ochs  
Terri Whitmire

Lodi Transportation Money 1990-1991 Recap\*

TDA (Transportation Development Act) 1/24 of all county sales tax (6 1/2%)

- Lodi - \$1million this year for-traffic signals, sidewalks, bike paths.
- Dial-A-Ride - \$300,000 - \$350,000
- sidewalks and pedestrians - \$21,300

State Gas Tax - 15.1 of every gallon of gas

- Lodi - \$478,000 maintenance of streets
- street construction - \$241,000

Measure 1 (1991) Sales Tax

- Lodi - (matching funds) \$125,000 street maintenance

1990-91 budget for Lodi transportation system capital improvements - \$1,081,000

Measure M 6-1/2% sales tax - \$400,000 in San Joaquin County in next 20 years.  
\$130,000,000 for passenger, rail and bus service.

Dial-A-Ride - \$250,000 yearly - TDA funds

- Ride costs \$3.25
- passenger pays seniors and handicapped \$.50
- others \$1.00

\*From Lodi News Sentinel

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WOODLAND Yolo County Transit Authority "Yolobus"

- connect Woodland to Davis, West Sacramento, Winters and rural areas.
- connects to Regional Transit in Sacramento and Unitrans in Davis.
- transfers free also to Regional Transit.
- 15 buses for 45 passengers for inter-city express.
- 19 minivans for local transit and Dial-A-Ride Daily 6 a.m. - 10 p.m. (routes vary)

FRENCH CAMP. MANTECA. LATHROP "CAT" County Area Transit

- rural fixed route schedule "For Anyone Going Anywhere"
- Referral and connection with SMTD bus service nine times daily:
  - to Downtown Stockton
  - Weberstown Mall
  - St. Joseph's Hospital
  - Hammer Ranch Center
  - Stockton State Hospital

Hours 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For commuters, shoppers, students

DUBLIN, PLEASANTON. LIVERMORE "WHEELS"

17 routes serve middle and high schools, community college, hospital and medical offices, shopping centers, libraries, theatres, community activity centers, such as senior center, fairgrounds, athletic activities.

Hours - Dublin and Pleasanton:

Monday - Friday 6:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Livermore:

Monday - Friday 5:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Dial-A-Ride in each city

Transfers free within system and county connection **also** Bart zone within these cities.

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ROSEVILLE "RUSH" Roseville Scheduled Transit Service

- three routes within city  
Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- transfers to Sacramento Regional and Placer County Transit
- Dial-A-Ride "RADAR" within city limits  
Monday - Friday 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Commuter Service  
Four express buses to Downtown Sacramento  
Lv. Roseville 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.  
Lv. Sacramento 4:10 p.m. and 5:10 p.m.

TULARE Tulare Transit Express

- three routes every 30 minutes  
Monday - Friday 6:45 a.m. - 6:40 p.m.  
Saturday 7:15 a.m. - 6:40 p.m.
- to shopping areas, medical facilities, schools, parks, city hall, post office
- \$.25 one way -- transfers free
- Dial-A-Ride "DART"  
Monday - Friday 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- \$.75 one way - \$6.00 for 10 trips (trip book)